

Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with Congenital or Traumatic Deformity of the Ear

*This measure is to be reported for all patients, regardless of age, seen during the reporting period with congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged birth and older referred to a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) for an otologic evaluation subsequent to an audiologic evaluation after presenting with a congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear (internal or external)

What will you need to report for each patient with congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not you referred patients who presented with congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear to a physician for an otologic evaluation subsequent to an audiologic evaluation

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to refer patients to a physician due to:

- Documented reasons [eg, patients for whom an assessment of the congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear has been performed by a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) within the past six months, patients who are already under the care of a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) for congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear.]

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the documented reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report the G-code that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).